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SUBJECT: TURKISH AMBASSADOR ON CYPRUS, BILATERAL RELATIONS

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR TURKMEN MET AT HIS REQUEST AUGUST 29 WITH AMBASSADOR LEONARD, COUNSELOR NIMETZ, NELSON LEDSKY (EUR/SE) AND ROBERT PECK (IO/UNP) TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS IN SECURITY COUNCIL FOR CYPRUS DEBATE. TURKMEN READ RECENT DENKTASH STATEMENT ON VAROSHA, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WHILE IT WAS SOMEWHAT REASSURING, IT WAS NOT AS HELPFUL AS IT COULD HAVE BEEN. TURKMEN OFFERED TO SEE IF TFSC "FOREIGN MINISTER" CHELIK MIGHT GO FURTHER IN HIS STATEMENT BEFORE THE COUNCIL HERE. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT TURKS COULD NOT GO SO FAR AS TO GIVE AN ASSURANCE THEY WOULD NOT SETTLE VAROSHA, SINCE THAT WOULD WEAKEN THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITION -- A POINT MADE TO US EMPHATICALLY BY CHELIK PREVIOUS DAY. ASKED ABOUT GREEK CYPRIOT CLAIMS THAT TURKEY WAS CHANGING DEMOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE OF ISLAND BY BRINGING IN MAINLAND TURKS, TURKMEN STATED CATEGORICALLY THIS WAS NOT POLICY OF
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TURKISH GOVERNMENT. A FEW IMMIGRANTS THAT WERE BROUGHT IN SEVERAL YEARS AGO HAD CREATED DIFFICULTIES WITH TURK CYPRIOTS, AND PROGRAM HAD BEEN ABANDONED.

2. ASKED WHAT TURKEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE COME OUT OF COUNCIL DEBATE, TURKMEN SAID SC SHOULD TRY TO AVOID A RESOLUTION. HE SUGGESTED A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT WHICH WOULD MKE A

STRONG PLEA FOR RESUMPTION OF THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS. TURKMEN HEDGED, HOWEVER, WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE TURKS WOULD ACCEPT THE COUNCIL'S SETTING A FIRM DATE FOR RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS.

3. TURKMEN ASKED FOR US SUPPORT IN GENERAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION OF CYPRUS ITEM TO COMMITTEE RATHER THAN PLENARY. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS RECALLED THAT US HAD ABSTAINED ON ALLOCATION QUESTION LAST YEAR. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SUPPORT THE TURKISH POSITION WHEN INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS WERE NOT BEING HELD. IF WE HAD A COMMITMENT TO RESUME THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS, AND IF THERE SEEMED TO BE PROSPECTS FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND TERRITORIAL ISSUES, WE WOULD EXPLORE WITH OTHER WESTERN POWERS THE POSSIBILITY OF SUPPORTING THE TURKISH POSITION ON ALLOCATION.

4. TURKMEN ASKED WHAT WE WERE PLANNING TO DO ON US-TURKISH RELATIONS. NIMETZ SAID WE WERE VERY CONCERNED AT THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT. OUR AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA HAD HAD ONLY ONE SHORT MEETING WITH CAGLAYANGIL AND HAD NOT SEEN DEMIREL AT ALL. WE WANTED TO USE THE VANCE-CAGLAYANGIL MEETING IN NEW YORK TO HAVE A DETAILED DISCUSSION ON ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES, INCLUDING THE DCA, MILITARY SUPPLY PROBLEMS, ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND CYPRUS. SUCH A DISCUSSION REQUIRED PREPARATION. NIMETZ SAID HE AND LEDSKY WERE CONSIDERING A VISIT TO ANKARA
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IN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ALL THESE ISSUES SO THAT THE VANCE-CAGLAYANGIL MEETING COULD BE AS PRODUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE. NIMETZ EMPHASIZED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE DCA THROUGH CONGRESS, BUT COULD NOT SUGGEST THIS TO THE WHITE HOUSE WHEN HE HAS NOT TALKED WITH THE TURKS ABOUT OUR PROBLEM RECENTLY.

5. SPEAKING PERSONALLY AND FRANKLY, TURKMEN SAID THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS REFLECTED THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION IN TURKEY. TURKMEN EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT TALKS BELOW THE LEVEL OF THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD DO MUCH GOOD. WE HAD TO GET TO DEMIREL DIRECTLY, HE SAID, AND THE WAY TO DO THIS WOULD BE FOR SECRETARY VANCE TO VISIT TURKEY. NIMETZ SAID THIS WAS AN INTERESTING IDEA AND THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS IT WITH THE SECRETARY BUT NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY'S EXTENSIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE MIGHT MAKE SUCH A TRIP IMPOSSIBLE.
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